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1 June 1947

1. The town of Alt Gaarz, now called Rerik, was occupied by a motorized infantry unit on 16 May. This division is housed in the vicinity of the airfield. Its strength is about 16,000 men. All the personnel arrived in motor vehicles, and in all subsequent exercises used only motor vehicles. It is only rarely that units of men are seen afoot.

2 June 1947

2. The barracks, which were being dismantled, are now being repaired and are already partially occupied. Where barrack space is not available, the troops have been housed in temporary buildings and tents.
3. The figure "22" forms a part of the division's full designation.
4. The Kommandatura in Schwerin is making preparations for the arrival of a further 64,000 troops in the area. Part of these troops are coming from Wismar, Rostock, Warnemünde and Stralsund where they are being replaced by naval personnel. Fifth Army headquarters is still reported to be in Schwerin.

Mid-May 1947

5. The Stendal ration depot has been transferred to Genthin.
6. Perleberg is clear of Soviet troops.
7. There are approximately 10,000 Soviet troops in Magdeburg.

Late May 1947

8. Light artillery and tank units are stationed in the barracks of the unused Halle (Nietleben) airfield. Day and night exercises, which are conducted by units from these barracks, take place on the fields to the right of the road from the airfield to Lettin. This area is extensively used as a training ground and on it a wooden tower, similar to, but larger than, an ordinary watch tower, is being built. The tanks which participate in all these exercises are Josef Stalin 122's.
9. On the opposite side of the road to Lettin, in the woods, a number of earthen

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bunkers have been newly erected. They are about fifteen yards long, have machine gun slits covering the road, and are connected by field telephone. [redacted] the number of bunkers [redacted] about five, but [redacted] there may be more concealed in the woods.

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10. Each day a convoy of twenty motor cycles with side cars leaves the airfield barracks in the direction of Bitterfeld, returning in the evening. The personnel travelling in these convoys are members of the tank unit.
11. On 22 May a convoy of five trucks towing small field guns arrived at Nietleben Airfield from the direction of Lettin. The guns were without muzzle brakes, having a small shield and pneumatic tires. The two recoil cylinders were over and under the barrel in front of the shield. The gun crews travelled in the trucks and were wearing steel helmets. Twenty guns of the same type were seen parked in line within the barracks perimeter. The guns have a barrel length of one meter and, by comparison, a prominently long trail.
12. The "Kaserne der frohen Zukunft" and the Artillery Barracks were evacuated at the beginning of May. The troops were re-billetted in other local barracks.
13. A recent proposal by the Halle city administration that the Soviets should allow the unused airfield to be turned into private gardening allotments has been rejected. The two hangars are being carefully dismantled, all the parts being first marked against their future re-erection. The fifty to sixty barracks buildings on the field are all in good condition.

June 1947

14. At Berka, near Sondershausen, there is an officers' school at which about eighty to one hundred pupils are now undergoing a course on the A-4 rocket with instructional models. Part of the course consists of a visit to the Elektrobau A.G. at Sondershausen. All arms of the Soviet services are represented.
15. An instructional model valued at 15,000 RM was recently delivered from Sondershausen to the course headquarters at Berka. The apparatus in question appears to be a form of test equipment for the electrical functioning and control of the A-4.
16. Two of such models ordered have already been completed at Sondershausen. The target date for the completion of the order is 1 August, by which time they must be on their way to the USSR.
17. Sereiev, now the technical head of the A-4 program at Karlshorst, was a recent visitor to Sondershausen.
18. Personnel strength at Sondershausen remains fairly constant at about 330 employees.
19. The tunnels at Nordhausen are to be blown up by 15 August 1947.

Early June 1947

20. The Soviet military hospital at Schloss Waldenburg in Saxony has been moved with its officers and personnel to Granienburg.
21. The Soviet veterinary hospital, formerly at Waldenburg in Saxony, has been moved with its personnel to Berlin-Hoppegarten.

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19-26 May 1947

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22. From 19 to 26 May three train loads of armored vehicles were observed every day travelling on the line between Cottbus and Dresden in a westerly direction. Apart from a few reconnaissance cars, the vehicles were all estimated to weigh forty tons, mounting a 76.2 mm gun, the barrel of which was three meters long. These vehicles were powered by an air-cooled Diesel engine. Their tracks were 70 cm. wide and they had a glacis plate set back at a considerable angle.

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